

Purpose and Intent

- A. To establish a voluntary environmental performance system that will honor and exceed existing and future statutory standards for health, safety and the environment and result in the continuous improvement of the state's ambient environment.
- B. Provide clear incentives, such as; flexibility, streamlining and assistance that will provide real benefits to participating organizations resulting in improvement to the state's economy by making it more efficient and competitive.
- C. The system will permit the balancing of environmental, economic and community needs over a reasonable period of time.
- D. Promote attention to unregulated environmental problems and opportunities for environmental restoration by leveraging the resources of business and voluntary partners.
- E. The voluntary environmental performance system will include methods that will:
 - Increase levels of trust, communication and accountability among agencies, regulated parties and the public.
 - Reduce time and money spent by agencies and facilities and organizations on tasks that do not benefit the environment.
 - Report performance information to the public that is accurate, timely, credible, relevant and useable to interested parties.
 - Allow for the measurement of the systems objectives.
 - Create a learning system that affords protection to those who participate.